

# GIRL UNCOVERS MURDER MYSTERY

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## HOW DEED WAS DISCOVERED

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Chicago, Nov. 12.—Out on a desolate little plot of ground two miles north of Marengo, a girl has uncovered a murder mystery, the details of which indicate so bloodbathed a crime that the farmers living in the vicinity have been fascinated by the scene.

The body of Oscar Hoganson, a farmer, who was living the life of a hermit on his own farm, has been dug out of the soft earth of a chicken house on the farm of John N. Bedford, just a few feet away from a moody hatchet, which was unearthed, Bedford, like Hoganson, had been living alone on his farm, but disappeared immediately after Hoganson's death. Such a mysterious circumstance was discovered which pointed to him that when he finally was found in Ellis, Neb., he was arrested and now is being brought back to Chicago.

## A STRANGE PRESENTIMENT.

A strange presentiment of the dead man's sister, Arvella Hoganson, is credited with the discovery of the body. The girl cannot explain the feeling which caused her to visit the place, and lead the searchers to dig at that particular spot. She was certain, however, that she had reached the grave of her murdered brother, and the diggers soon verified her belief. The work of unraveling the mystery began more than a week ago, when Arvella began to write his weekly letters. The girl immediately declared that some awful thing had happened to him, although she had no information upon which to base such a belief. After two days it was decided to visit the farm and learn just what had happened to Hoganson. So Arvella, accompanied by her mother, James, visited the place early one morning about a week ago.

The house was found in seemingly good order. The man's clothes and belongings all appeared to be as he might have left them, with one exception. His three horses were missing.

Inquiry was made among the neighbors and somebody remembered having seen Hoganson walking toward the farm of Bedford, just a few feet away from the chicken house, on the morning of Oct. 29. One neighbor remembered having seen a man whom they supposed to be Bedford, who was carrying a hatchet, and who was hitching up one of the missing horses. The other two horses they declared, were hitched to the rear of the rig.

As the man drove away in the dusk they were unable to make certain whether it actually was Bedford. A few days after this Bedford left the district.

## GIRL WAS DETERMINED.

"I am satisfied that the thing to do is to visit this man Bedford's place," she said. "I have a feeling that we are going to settle this thing right there."

So the sister and brother, together with a crowd of curious farmers, hurried to Bedford's place, and walked straight to the chicken house. The floor of the house was paved smoothly with cobble stones, and to a superficial observer, meant nothing. But the girl called attention to the fact that several stones had been taken up and carried away.

The girl, weak with the certainty that the body of her brother was about to be uncovered, turned back and would have left the place.

"Vill, we've got it," exclaimed the brother, at the same time drawing from around a muddy coat sleeve, which contained the arm of the dead man.

The girl staggered back from the find, and while the others continued their work, hurried to the house. In the meantime her brother had eluded the curious ones and had entered the house by an open window.

In the parlor he saw bloodstains on the walls and floor of the room near the door. There had been efforts to wash the spots from the floor, but they still were visible.

## THE FATAL WOUND.

When the murdered man's body was examined it was discovered that the wound upon his left temple was so clean and so deep that it was pronounced at first to be a gunshot wound. The coroner's jury which was gathered together at once, returned a verdict accordingly.

A few days later, after the body had been brought to Chicago and buried it was suggested that the bullet should have made another wound on the other side of the head if it was fired as close as such a deep wound would have indicated. So the body was disinterred and a closer examination disclosed the fact that the wound could have been caused by a powerful swing of some blunt instrument.

The indefatigable James Hoganson has been staying in the vicinity of the farm, so he made a search for such a weapon. It was but a matter of a few minutes when, in the rear of the chicken house, in which his brother's body had been buried, he found the bloody hatchet, which, apparently had been used by the murderer.

# SPRITS, WINES AND BEVERAGES

Dealers Interested Tell Committee That Dingley Rates Should be Maintained.

## AEROPLANE FACTORY.

Orville Wright Interests Russell Alger Of Detroit in One.

Detroit Mich., Nov. 12.—Orville B. Wright, the famous aviator, has enlisted the support of Russell Alger, the Detroit capitalist and son of the late Senator Alger, in the construction of an airplane factory to be built in Detroit.

At the coming congress the members expect to confer with Mr. Pinchot and believe a better understanding will be had.

## BURGLARS SENTENCED.

Those That Went Through Mark Twain's Connecticut House.

Danbury Conn., Nov. 11.—When the trial of Henry Williams and Charles Hoffman, accused of breaking into the house of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) was resumed this afternoon both men changed their pleas of not guilty to guilty. The court sentenced Hoffman to not less than three nor more than five years in state's prison, on the charge of burglary. Williams was given not less than five nor more than six years in prison, on the charge of assault with intent to kill, to which he also pleaded guilty, not more than four years in state's prison.

## PLATT'S SUCCESSOR.

At This Time No Man Can Say That He Will be the One.

Washington, Nov. 11.—That no man at this time has a clear path to the seat in the United States senate to be vacated by Senator Thomas C. Platt of New York in March next, was evidenced today at several conferences on the subject at the White House and in Washington hotels.

For several days it has appeared that if Secy. of State Root decided to become an active candidate other aspirants for the place would withdraw. Former Lieut.-Gov. Timothy Woodruff, chairman of the New York Republican state committee, who has had ambitions for the office for several years, has not assented to the program of eliminating all candidates except Mr. Root.

Mr. Woodruff returned to New York this afternoon and his friends say he will give considerable thought to the situation before reaching a conclusion.

## LUCIANA PIETTE'S CASE.

Physicians Satisfied It is Her Own Obstinacy Makes Her Sick.

Lovell, Mass., Nov. 12.—Five experienced practitioners gathered yesterday at the bedside of Luciana Piette, the French Canadian girl, who has been asleep for 13 days, and applied electricity in the hope of waking her. The physicians were satisfied the girl's case is not cataplexy, but hysteria, and that her condition is due to her own obstinacy.

The doctors applied electricity to her hands and feet. She gave unmistakable evidence of being conscious of their work, but did nothing. As she offered strenuous resistance to the doctors' work.

When one of the doctors said indignantly that they would apply electricity for 15 days, and with a much stronger current, telling a colleague at the same time to take hold of her foot to apply the apparatus to it, the girl quickly drew it under the bed clothes.

## CASABLANCA CASE.

American May be Chosen as Head of Court to Arbitrate It.

New York, Nov. 12.—According to cable advices which have been received here, it is expected, that the arbitration court, which is to be held among the powers, an American may be selected to lead the court which will arbitrate the Casablanca affair.

It is expected the court of arbitration will have for its membership a German, a Frenchman and two other nominees.

It is expected that an American will be chosen by the American state department.

This arrangement, it is said, is acceptable to France and Germany.

## WM. HATFIELD RELEASED.

San Jose Cal., Nov. 12.—William Hatfield of Cook county Texas arrested two months ago upon suspicion of being James C. Dunham, the sextuple murderer, was today released by the state.

A preliminary examination on a charge of murdering Harrie W. Dunham, one of the victims, and the murderer's wife, disclosed four witnesses, all men of prominence in the community, testified that Hatfield was not Dunham.

## METHODIST MISSIONS.

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She was brought out of the cell, given a few effects were taken from her, and released. She tripped lightly down the street, but upon the opposite side of the street were two plain clothes men, and at a signal from Detective Sheet they began to shadow the girl. What the result will be, time alone will tell. Up to this writing no report had been received of the shadow.

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